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Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-sixth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 56/67 of 10 December 2001 concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In paragraph 16 of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to prepare for submission to the relevant bodies, with the assistance of those agencies and organizations, a report on the action taken in implementation of the relevant resolutions, including resolution 56/67, since the circulation of his previous report.

2. In a letter dated 8 March 2002, the Secretary-General brought the text of the resolution to the attention of the executive heads of the following specialized agencies and other international organizations and invited them to submit the information requested for inclusion in the report referred to in the above paragraph:

International Labour Organization

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

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United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

International Civil Aviation Organization

World Health Organization

World Bank

International Monetary Fund

Universal Postal Union

International Telecommunication Union

World Meteorological Organization

International Maritime Organization

World Intellectual Property Organization

International Fund for Agricultural Development

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

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International Atomic Energy Agency

World Tourism Organization

World Trade Organization

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Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights

Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Environment Programme

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

United Nations Children's Fund

World Food Programme

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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Association of South-East Asian Nations

Caribbean Community

Caribbean Development Bank

League of Arab States

Organization of African Unity

Organization of American States

Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Pacific Islands Forum

3. Summaries of the replies received from the international organizations concerned in response to the above-mentioned letter will be given in document E/2002/61.

4. Summaries of additional replies received, together with such further information as may become available on relevant activities undertaken by the organizations concerned during the year, will be circulated in addenda to the present report.

5. In addition, the Secretary-General transmitted the text of the resolution to the various departments and other units of the Secretariat. Information received in that regard will also be circulated in addenda to the present report.